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About this Newsletter

This periodic newsletter provides updates and information relevant to Business and Information Technology educators. It is published by Business & Information Technology, Career & Technical Education Team, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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Summer Professional Development Opps

You haven't even finished your Christmas shopping and I am already sharing summer professional development opportunities!? How crazy is that!

The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions is pleased to again sponsor the **National Institute of Financial and Economic Literacy series** in Madison again this summer! More information can be found at this link (www.wdfi.org).

Dates for this event are:
Jun 23-27   Paychecks, Financial Contracts, & Entrepreneurship
Jul 14-18   Investor Education, Economics, & Insurance
Aug 4-8   Credit & Money

Madison Area Technical College will again be hosting the **IT Faculty Development Institute**. DPI is looking to sponsor stipends for attendance. Watch for more details.

TENTATIVE dates for this event are:
Jun 15-19 Computer Hardware Essentials
Jun 22-29 Network Essentials (CCNA Dis) 1
Jun 29-Jul 2 Network Essentials (CCNA Dis) 2

Those schools/teachers interested in piloting **AP Accounting** will be provided training (tentatively) in Wisconsin this summer. For more information, please contact Jen Wegner at jennifer.wegner@dpi.wi.gov.

Focus On: I-Safe

Looking for resources to teach internet safety? Look no further. I-Safe is the worldwide leader in internet safety education. Their free resources are easily adapted into the classroom. Check out their site at this link (www.isafe.org).

FBLA Advisers: This is a terrific community service project! Have your members become trainers by using the online tutorials, etc. and then share their expertise with elemetary and middle school students!

FREE Sports Entertainment Text

Sports Career Consulting (SCC) launched a FREE non-traditional sports and entertainment business textbook online. You can download the text AND a student workbook for FREE at this link (www.sportscareerconsulting.com).   Just fill out the form and you'll be redirected to the download page.

MS Personal Finance Curriculum

The UW-Extension, 4-H, DPI, and the State Treasury are currently in the process of developing Personal Financial Literacy Curriculum for the middle level that aligns to the Wisconsin Financial Literacy standards.

The structure of the middle school allows this curriculum to be incorporated into numerous disciplines including social studies, business education, family and consumer education, and math. Financial literacy is also a key component of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills Framework.

The program will encompass a wide variety of learning methods including classroom instruction, independent study, group activities, and reality simulations.

Please note: This is NOT a required course or curriculum.

More details to come!

PDP Training & Resources

As more and more new teachers in B&IT graduate, and as more professional level educators look to the PDP model for license renewal, it is imperative that B&IT educators become PDP trained.

To be a Professional Development Plan (PDP) Team member on an Initial or Professional Educator's team, you need to complete DPI-sponsored training. The training has two components. The first is an on-line PI 34 PDP Module which includes a self-assessment. Upon completing this module, you will be asked to print a verification certificate. The second component is registration and participation in a one-day DPI-sponsored PDP Team Training which are hosted through License Renewal Support Centers, School Districts and UniServs.   Links to the online training and a list of training sites and times can be found at this link (www.dpi.wi.gov/bit/resources.html).

Are you in need of someone to serve on your PDP team? Check out the list of current B&IT PDP team members at this link (www.dpi.wi.gov/bit/pdf/pdpteam.pdf).

Need a resource?

The newly updated B&IT website from DPI has a great listing of many of the resources the Business & Information Technology teachers use throughout the year! Bookmark this page for future reference: B&IT

Web Resources.

Have information to share? Please forward it to me for inclusion in the next newsletter!

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